

# **SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD**

## **MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

October 18 & 19, 2001

Water Resource Office  
Bellingham, Washington

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### ***SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| William Ruckelshaus, Chair | Seattle                                   |
| Larry Cassidy              | Vancouver                                 |
| James Peters               | Olympia                                   |
| Brenda McMurray            | Yakima                                    |
| John Roskelley             | Spokane                                   |
| Tim Smith                  | Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Joe Williams               | Designee, Department of Ecology           |
| Jerry Alb                  | Designee, Department of Transportation    |

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### **Call to Order**

Chair Bill Ruckelshaus opened the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

The Board was welcomed to the area by the Whatcom County ESA Coordinator, John Thompson. Mr. Thompson introduced other Whatcom County staff, Steve Seymour, Jeff Monsen, Bruce Roll, Liz Marshal, Randy Guilley, and Allan Chapman

John Thompson gave a power point overview of WRIA 1 and the Whatcom County lead entity area.

Bruce Roll gave an overview of the Whatcom Lead Entity decision-making process.

Michael Maudlin, Lummi Nation geologist, gave a presentation on the South Fork Nooksack Log Jam project. Monitoring of this log jam project needs to be coordinated with the other experimental log jams the Board has funded in the past.

Chair Ruckelshaus mentioned that the SRFB would like to use the Whatcom Lead Entity as one example of a lead entity that is working well.

### **Topic #1: Review and Approval of the SRFB Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were not available for approval at this meeting.

### **Topic #2: Management and Status Reports**

*Director's Report:*

Wednesday, October 17, staff met with the BC Fisheries Renewal Group. This group is very similar to the SRFB although they do have an added economic impact portion for depressed fisheries. They also fund smaller scale projects, and do not fund acquisition projects. They are also looking at monitoring options. Staff will be attending similar meetings with the Oregon group in early 2002.

November's revenue forecast will give a better idea about the budget status. Director Johnson recommends the Board continue with the Third Round grant cycle. Although the state-funding amount is unknown at this time, the Board will have Federal funds to commit to project grants.

*Financial Management Services Report:*

Debra Wilhelmi presented this topic. As of this point the 2001-2003 budget state funds will have \$288,000 since the \$27 million is on hold. The Board may have a difficult time meeting the 25% match to be able to receive federal funds. OFM requested state agencies to put a hold on travel, hiring, equipment purchases, etc. at this time.

*Project Management Report:*

Rollie Geppert presented this topic, giving an update on the number of projects currently being worked on. He also showed several recently completed projects.

*Third Round Progress Report*

Jim Kramer presented this topic with a Power Point presentation.

Need additional work to discover what the permitting issues are for the lead entities. Jerry Alb will provide the Board with a copy of the report from Representative Brian Baird which will be released in the next couple weeks. IAC/SRFB staff will be meeting with NMFS on Monday and will find out more about the permitting issues from the federal prospective.

The Board discussed the need for a way to share good ideas on how to accomplish different types of projects.

**Topic #3: GSRO Report**

Written report only. (See notebook for details.)

**Topic #4: LEAG Report**

Phil Trask presented this topic. LEAG is shifting gears with new officers and development of operating procedures for this group. Within the next year the LEAG plans to take on several issues that will assist the lead entities and the SRFB with future grant cycles. A few of these issues are: performance measures for lead entities; surveying lead entities to find out what they are doing and especially what they are doing well for a marketing strategy to present to targeted audiences such as the legislature; habitat work schedule development; and other issues that the Board would like them to work on.

There are seven members currently and two more will be appointed soon to have the full nine member advisory group.

**Topic #5: 2002 Meeting Schedule Adoption**

Director Johnson presented this portion of the Agenda.

Board discussion:

John Roskelley suggested alternate sites to Spokane. He would also like to have more meetings be one day only.

Director Johnson noted that locations are recommendations only and can be changed as appropriate. Most of the meetings will be one day with the Monitoring Oversight Committee meeting on the corresponding day.

Brenda McMurray would like to see agenda items before setting meeting dates.

Director Johnson responded that the December meeting is planned to be a planning/workshop.

John Roskelley **moved** to adopt Resolution #2001-13. Brenda McMurray **seconded**. Resolution #2001-13 **approved**.

**Topic #6: Block Grants – Initial Overview**

Notebook information only – full presentation at a later date.

**Topic #7: Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG) Presentation**

Terry Wright, chair of RFEG Advisory Board, presented this issue along with Wendy Scherrer (Nooksack RFEG) and Neil Werner (Hood Canal RFEG).

There are 14 RFEG groups in the state. Three are in Eastern Washington and 11 in Western Washington.

Federal appropriations were not included in the Federal budget this year. This would have provided \$1.4 million (\$1 million per RFEG) to the RFEG's.

Wendy Scherrer provided an overview of the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA), which is the region 1 RFEG. Three key items they focus on 1) riparian habitat 2) education 3) Fish production. NSEA has developed a teacher's kit that is available to others upon request.

Neil Werner presented an overview of the Hood Canal RFEG. In Hood Canal the major limiting factor is sediment. The RFEG is working on logging road decommissioning to help with the sediment problem.

Jerry Alb mentioned Senate Bill #6188 and how WSDOT needs to connect with groups like the RFEGs to complete projects faster, cheaper, and better, to help with transportation problems as well as salmon recovery.

Brenda McMurray asked about the relationship between the lead entities and RFEGs. Neil Werner noted that each lead entity is different as are RFEGs; some work together very well, others are not as active. In the Hood Canal area, the lead entity is very effective and works closely with the RFEGs. Ms. Scherrer mentioned that she is on the lead entity citizen committee to help with project ranking but is not on the TAG so the Nooksack area may not be as far along as the Hood Canal area.

Mr. Ruckelshaus reviewed the messages taken from the presentation, noting the need to work together with many different groups and the need to coordinate the work to get projects funded and to help the fish.

### **Partner Agency Reports**

Tim Smith, WDFW, reported that there is now a lead entity in the Yakima area. It has a 10-member board and will be participating in the Third Round Grant cycle. Mr. Smith would like to give a nearshore project update at December meeting.

Phil Trask discussed the regional salmon recovery efforts. WDFW will send applications out November 3. Should have contracts for these groups by the end of the year.

This is Joe William's last meeting. His replacement will be announced early next week. Joe will be missed; everyone wishes him good luck and a great retirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

SRFB APPROVAL:

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William Ruckelshaus, Chair

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Date

Future Meetings:    December 6 & 7, 2001 – Seattle  
                             February 7 & 8, 2002 – Olympia  
                             April 11 & 12, 2002 – Olympia (Funding Meeting)

## ACTION ITEM

### RESOLUTION SRFB #2001 - 13

### 2002 SRFB MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, the schedule for 2002 Regular Meetings of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board is hereby adopted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, staff is directed to publish notice in the State Register accordingly.

**Note:** Unless otherwise announced, all sessions of the Board identified below shall be regular sessions of the Board, and may include from time to time site tours and workshop format sessions.

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| Thursday, February 7<br>Friday, February 8     | Olympia    |
| Thursday, April 11<br>Friday, April 12         | Olympia    |
| Thursday, May 23<br>Friday, May 24             | TBA        |
| Thursday, June 6<br>Friday, June 7             | Montesano  |
| Thursday, September 12<br>Friday, September 13 | Ellensburg |
| Thursday, November 14<br>Friday, November 15   | Olympia    |

*Resolution moved by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *John Roskelley* \_\_\_\_\_

*Resolution seconded by:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Brenda McMurray* \_\_\_\_\_

*Adopted* / *Declined (underline result)*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_ *10/19/2001* \_\_\_\_\_

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